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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Cerritos – Chinese Company to Assemble Drones in California Factory

(U) SZ DJI Technology Co., Ltd. (DJI), the world's largest consumer drone maker, unveiled plans this week to assemble drones in Cerritos, California and make high-security drones for the US government. The plan follows the Chinese company in recent months being warned about security concerns by the US. This will be DJI's first assembly line located outside of Shenzhen, China, according to the company. Last month, the US Government issued an alert, warning US citizens that Chinese-made drones could be sending sensitive flight data to their manufacturers in China, a claim DJI has denied.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, ZDNet

(U) Modesto - Hells Angels Outlaw Motorcycle Club Members Charged with Drug Conspiracy

(U) The president of the Hells Angels Motorcycle Club in Modesto and three others are under arrest for their alleged involvement in a federal drug conspiracy and drug trafficking case. According to court documents, the defendants participated in drug sales and transportation that crossed county lines. An attorney for the Hells Angels Club challenged the law enforcement action, citing a "motorcycle profiling" bill being considered by the California Legislature. The proposed bill defines motorcycle profiling as the illegal consideration of the fact that a person is riding a motorcycle, or wearing motorcycle or motorcycle club-related clothing, as a factor in enforcement decisions and would prohibit peace officers from engaging in motorcycle profiling.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, CBS News

(U) San Francisco – City Averaged One Fentanyl Overdose Death per Week Last Year

(U) San Francisco health officials say fentanyl is now the leading cause of opioid overdose deaths in the city, claiming more lives than heroin or oxycodone. San Francisco averaged one fentanyl overdose death a week in 2018, or 57 overall deaths for the year, according to officials. Dr. Chris Colwell, chief of emergency medicine at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, said the number of fentanyl-related overdoses the hospital is seeing is alarming. Colwell said there have been up to 12 fentanyl overdoses in per day, though they have not all resulted in deaths. He said users are either injecting or smoking the drug. Initially, fentanyl was used to lace drugs such as heroin and cocaine, but now experts say people are using the drug because of its easy access and they can get a high with a small dose.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, KTVU News

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Border Patrol Agent Assaulted

(U) Calexico – A US Border Patrol Agent was attacked near the border wall in Calexico this weekend. The agent was in the area to arrest a man who illegally entered the US through a breach in an old dilapidated section of wall, according to the El Centro Sector Border Patrol. When the agent was in his patrol vehicle, a second person threw a softball sized concrete rock through the breach in the wall. The rock went through the driver side window and struck the agent in the face.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, KESQ News

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Pennsylvania – 16 Charged in Drug Operation that Shipped Opioids in Stuffed Animals

(U) Harrisburg – Police arrested 16 people accused of trafficking drugs from California to Montgomery and Delaware counties in Pennsylvania, and smuggling them in stuffed animals. Police said the organization trafficked large amounts of Oxycodone pills, marijuana, and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) cartridges. In addition, the members of the group regularly bought, sold or possessed firearms despite being prohibited from possessing weapons due to prior convictions, according to investigators. Police seized eight-firearms, 432-Oxycodone pills, 4.61-grams of fentanyl, 113.5-grams of Hydrastine, Noscapine, and Papaverine—opioid derivatives used to cut fentanyl—1,295-grams of marijuana, 152-THC concentrate cartridges, and approximately \$30,000 in US currency.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, NBC News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Facebook to Give Data on Hate Speech Suspects to French Courts

(U) Paris – In a world first, Facebook has agreed to hand over the identification data of French users suspected of hate speech on its platform to judges, France's minister for digital affairs said on Tuesday. The decision comes after successive meetings between the Facebook CEO and the French president, who wants to take a leading role globally on the regulation of hate speech and the spread of false information online. So far, Facebook has cooperated with French justice on matters related to terrorist attacks and violent acts by transferring the IP addresses and other identification data.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, Reuters

(U) Germany – Right-Wing Group Charged with Terrorism

(U) Chemnitz – Members of Revolution Chemnitz were alleged to have the formed the group in September with the intention of planning and carrying out terror attacks. The charges were initially revealed by a collaboration between German public broadcasters, and later confirmed by the federal prosecutor's office. Members of the group had allegedly planned to orchestrate a civil-war-like rebellion in Berlin on 2 October 2018. Prosecutors based their charges partly on the use of chat logs found on the defendants' mobile phones. The men, aged 21 to 31, allegedly lead the skinhead, hooligan and neo-Nazi groups in the Chemnitz area.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, Deutsche Welle

(U) Iran – Fishermen Allegedly Find Pieces of US Drone Shot Down Over Iran

(U) Tehran – Iranian fishermen have found pieces of the US drone shot down by the Islamic Republic, according to Iran's ambassador to the UK Hamid Baeidinejad. Baeidinejad posted his message on Twitter, where he also included a photograph of what appeared to be a piece of metal marked with a US military insignia. Tehran has said the Revolutionary Guard Corps shot down the RQ-4A Global Hawk over its territory, but the US has insisted that the drone was in international airspace when it was shot down. SOURCE: 25 June 2019, New York Post

(U) Mexico – President Obrador Says Looking at Information about ISIS Members

(U) Mexico City – Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said on Tuesday that his security cabinet was responding to information that three Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) members could enter Mexico. Lopez Obrador was responding to a reporter who asked about information from US authorities about the three ISIS members. On Monday, Mexico's security minister said these people would be detained if they tried to come into Mexican territory.

SOURCE: 25 June 2019, Reuters

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(U) Nicaragua – Authorities Arrest Four Men Suspected of ISIS Ties

(U) Managua – Four men with suspected ties to ISIS were captured on Tuesday by members of the Nicaraguan armed forces after entering the country illegally from Costa Rica, Nicaraguan police said. The identities of three of the men matched those of suspects featured in an alert attributed to US Homeland Security Investigations warning that three possible terrorists had recently arrived in Central America. In a statement, Nicaraguan police said two of the men were Egyptian nationals and the other two were Iraqi. The four were due to be deported back to Costa Rica, it added. The Egyptians were named as Mohamed Ibrahim, 33, and Mahmoud Samy Eissa, 26, while the Iraqis were Ahmed Ghanim Mohamed Al Jubury, 41 and Mustafa Ali Mohamed Yaoob, 29.

SOURCE: 26 June 2019, Reuters

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